

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I will just take a minute. Senator Chambers and others, believe me, I do take the resolution very seriously. I do take...I took the issue very seriously when I co-signed along with it with Senator Schellpeper. And I think I was a pretty good educator when I was teaching and, hopefully, still will be if I continue to teach at this point. The bill, in my opinion, the bill, in my opinion, would not harm education at all. The bill, in my opinion, would not do anything academically harmful to the students of the State of Nebraska and, therefore, I have no problems with it educationally. So, consequently, if we can do something to help an industry of the State of Nebraska and to help industry in Nebraska which this Legislature has said time and time again they wish to do and do so in an academic environment that will not harm education, I think that's a very positive thing. And because I have seen a lot of sense of fairness in the Chamber in the last few weeks or so, that's all I want to say on the closing. I think it is a good amendment or resolution. I think it is a reasonable one. It is not binding. It still gives the discretion at local control to those areas and, with that, Mr. Chairman, I give the rest of my time to Senator Haberman who wished to speak on the issue.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I would be delighted.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator, you say in your resolution that Nebraska recognizes tourism as the third largest industry. Is that correct?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I believe that's what it states, yes, sir.

SENATOR HABERMAN: What is it's first...what is it's biggest industry in the state?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I believe that would be agriculture, sir.